Syria deploys troops as
UN meeting urged PG 2

Sony challenges I-pad in tablet war

Wounded Barcelona braced for latest Real duel

PG 14

www.themorningnewsaruba.com · themorningnewsaruba@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

# THE SOURCE for local news in English Caya G.F. Betico Croes 111 T. 588-9517 F. 5889518.

## Aruba boasts 14 new young soldiers



The 21st of April was an important day for 14 Aruban youth and their families. These young people successfully completed their 16th week of intensive military training. The training involved the proper use of a rifle and firing practice, how to survive in the 'mondi,' (rough terrain equaling jungle

training), teamwork, and sports training.

The extremely strenuous training was under the direction of Aruban military instructors and supervised by Lieutenant Werleman, Teixeria, Sergeants Briezen, Kock and Corporal Winterdaal and Dijkhoff. The new military men saluted the Prime Minis-

ter upon his arrival for the brief ceremony.

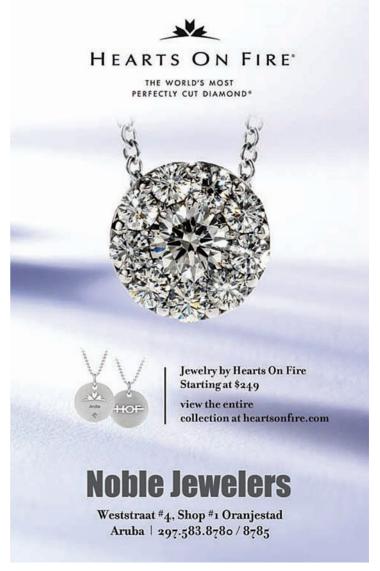
Commandant Hofma expressed words of congratulations to the 14 graduates and their families for their accomplishment. The Prime Minisalso expressed his congratulations to the men before presenting them with their certificates. The Aruban Prime Minister also awarded three commemorative plaques; one to the youngster with the highest scores of performance, one to the best shooter, and the third plaque to the candidate who was the best performer in a two-man team. The Aruban dignitary had personal words of encouragement for each of the 14 young men.

Completing the course and receiving certificates were: Jeffrey Arends, Carlos Vicente Buera, S.A. de la Cruz Martinez, Anderson Leonardo Giel, Esporfi Kock, Joatham Kock, Haime Martinez, Roderick Petersom,



Sire Wayne Rijsdijk, Alexander Robert, Gabriel Solognier, Aishell Tromp, Romar Wernet, and Jorge Wilson.

We congratulate each one of our young military men as an excellent example to others of their generation.



#### FOR SALE



#### **Beautiful large luxury house**

on a 1930 M<sup>2</sup> property land situated walking distance from the commerce center of Oranjestad

Asking price US\$670.000.-

**However offers are welcome** 

For more info call 5922155

#### Bring this ad to receive a free orange juice

Romancing the Stone at Le Petit Cafe

Located at: Playa Linda **Beach Resort** Tel. 586 4046

Breakfast Monday thru Saturday 8 - 11 AM

2 Eggs (fried, scrambled or poached) with bacon, and link sausage, potatoes, toast and coffee or tea.

ALSO OPEN FOR LUNCH not valid with other promotional offers or coupons

No Service Charge.

## Early Bird Special Le Petit Cafe

Stone Grill Restaurant & Bar Every Day from 5-7 pm

Dinner Salad Soup of the day Lemon Chicken Breast Petit Filet Mignon Filet of Grouper

Ice Cream Chocolate or Vanilla

All served with French Fries or Baked Potato on our famous HOT Stone not valid with other promotional offers or coupons No Service Charge

## TUESDAY AND FRIDAY:

## Chavez says Gaddafi officials in Venezuela



CARACAS Venezuela - A delegation of Libyan officials is in Venezuela to discuss possible peaceful solutions to the war in the North African country, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez said Tuesday.

A vocal opponent of military action by Western governments, Chavez is also a close ally of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and has proposed talks between rebels and the govern-

"Who gave them the right to do this, it's crazy," Chavez said of NATO military strikes. "Because they don't like the leader Gaddafi, because they want to take Libya's oil and water ... they are chucking bombs everywhere."

"We are dedicated to finding a political solution to the drama being lived by the Libyan people. A delegation sent by Gaddafi has arrived in Venezuela and we are seeking a peaceful outcome," Chavez said during a speech to workers.

which officials traveled with the delegation.

Venezuela has been mentioned as a possible safe-haven for Gaddafi if he ever flees his own country, but Chavez officials have denied that option is

The African Union is also seeking a non-military solution to the violence in Libya that calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities followed by a transitional period and political di-

## Syria deploys troops as UN meeting urged

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Syria Damascus, a spokesman said, bolstered its troops Tuesdaynight in the flashpoint town of Daraa as a rights group appealed for UN intervention in a bloody crackdown it said has killed 400 people since mid-March.

As the Daraa crackdown raged into a second day, Britain said it was working with its partners to send a "strong signal" to Damascus while France and Italy denounced the "unacceptable" situation in Syria.

Washington ordered nonessential embassy staff to leave Syria, which has been shaken by six weeks of protests against President Bashar al-Assad's autocratic rule.

And UN rights chief Navi Pillay was invited to visit

urging authorities to probe the killing of protesters.

Security forces firing live rounds and tear gas have killed at least 400 people since March 15, activists say, including 25 on Monday alone in Daraa, while scores have been arrested.

"Syrian security forces fired on unarmed protesters killing 400 people at least since the revolution was launched in March," the Syrian Human Rights Organisation (Swasiah) said in a statement.

"This barbaric behaviour is aimed at keeping the regime in place at the expense of civilians who are killed... The (UN) Security Council must convene rapidly to stop the blood-shed..." it said.

Activist Abdullah Abazid told AFP by telephone from Daraa that "new army troops and security reinforcements have entered" Daraa on Tuesday.

Troops were firing on residents and a mosque and had laid siege to the home of top Muslim cleric, Mufti Rizk Abdulrahman Abazeid, who quit last week in protest at the crackdown.

On Monday, 3,000-5,000 Syrian troops backed by tanks and snipers rolled into the southern town, residents and Abazid said.

Further north in the protest hub of Banias, thousands took to the streets chanting "freedom, freedom," amid reports that an assault was imminent.

#### THE MORNING N

Your Source for Local News in English

**Ingrid Does** Manager

Rosalinda Maduro **Chandette Richardson** Editors

Marline v. d. Linden Asst. to the editors

Rosalie Klein Reporter / Photographer

**Yvonne Kromhout** P.R., Sales & Marketing

> **Yanis Garcia** Paula Iglesias Sales

**News Provider:** AFP-Agence France Presse

Caya G. F. Betico Croes 111 Tel: 588-9517 - Fax: 588-9518

E-mail:

themorningnewsaruba@gmail.com Website:

www.themorningnewsaruba.com

He did not give details of

Last month, Chavez proposed a international commission visit Libya to seek negotiations between rebels and the government, but the idea did not gain traction and was rejected by Gaddafi's son Seif al-

being considered.

alogue.



KENNEDY SPACE CENTER: Space shuttle Endeavour crew (L-R) Greg Chamitoff, Andrew Feustel, Commander Mark Kelly, Pilot Gregory Johnson, Michael Fincke and Roberto Vittori of Italy ,April 26, 2011 upon their arrival at Kennedy Space Center, Florida. NASA said yesterday that preparations for the space shuttle Endeavour's final launch were proceeding smoothly and the weather looks pleasant for liftoff later this week. The shuttle is set to depart on Friday at 1947 GMT from Kennedy Space Center in Florida on a 14-day mission to the International Space Station. When it returns to Earth it will become the second of the three-shuttle fleet to enter retirement.

**AFP PHOTO** 







Redeem this Ad and receive free a fountain soda.

free delivery in hotel area for orders over \$50.00.

Ministon Decree 6

## Minister Benny Sevinger ridicules excuses by **Bouldin & Lawson regarding recycling plant**



project contracted to Bouldin & Lawson for a recycling plant by the former government has proven a dismal failure, and the current Minister of Environment, Benny Sievinger, in a public Parliamentary meeting, claimed the company's explanations for this failure are ridiculous. The contract presented B&L by the former government met with staunch disapproval by engineers, the Judicial Department of the government and several other institutions, but these were ignored.

Minister Sevinger explained that according to what he was told, and by what has been submitted in writing, the solution for Aruba's waste is not in a machine which has not been technologically proven sound. Sievinger exclaimed he is "highly irritated" because it appears that after B&L had acquired with millions of Arubian florins, they are now claiming that there were many factors which accounted for the failure of the plant. Their excuses include there was no money for the purchase of diesel, the staff was inadequate, and they cannot maintain the plant. "These claims," says

Sievinger, "are simply ridiculous. The reasons being: B & L trained all employees, supposedly taught them every-

thing they needed to know, and saw them perform every one of their commands. Now today they dare say that the employees are not capable? If at any point they noticed that they were not capable, it was their responsibility to notify authorities at that time. Now that it has been proven that the recycling machine isn't worth properly, B & L is putting the blame on the employees!"

Minister Sevinger believes this will regrettably and most likely be the same faulty argument B & L will use when the government decides to

make a legal demand for delivering flawed equipment, which amounts to a breach of contract. The government has already decided to take them to court and plans to use the report submitted by the Director of the Dump in which he referred to all the problems they faced from the very first year of attempting to use the recycling plant. They will also use the document in which B&L requested engineer Hendrik Croes to certify that the plant is functioning properly, but said request for certification was flatly denied. For this reason, B&L

went to court against the government and lost the case. The Court opted to give B&L one more year to repeat their test phase. The government is now going to do a try-out of the plant for one month, in the presence of everyone involved, including all experts who will report on the viability of the equipment. "Then," stated Minister Sevinger, "we will see the true reason why the plant does not function. He also commented it is his belief that B&L will not agree to this try-out period.

### Obama meets Abu Dhabi crown prince

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - US President Barack Obama welcomed Abu Dhabi crown prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahayan to the White House Tuesday for closed door talks on security in the volatile Middle East.

The meeting, in the Oval Office, was closed to journalists and the two leaders made no public remarks, though photographers were allowed into the room for a few seconds to see the crown prince and the president talking qui-

The UAE, a key US strategic and export partner, and Qatar were the only Arab states to send warplanes for operations over Libya, where strongman Moamer Kadhafi's forces are battling Westernbacked rebels.

The emir of Qatar was also granted a meeting with Obama in the Oval Office this month.

Obama has been discussing the turmoil throughout the Middle East and the Arab world -- a dominant US foreign policy interest -- in all his recent talks and telephone with calls regional leaders. Yesterday's talks came as NATO powers seek to shield Libyan civilians from Kadhafi's forces, as the Syrian government violently puts down opposition protests and with the Israeli-Palestinian peace process at a standstill.

Washington was also concerned when tense relations between Gulf Arab states and Iran were exacerbated after the mid-March intervention of Gulf security forces, including a contingent from the UAE, in Sunni-ruled Bahrain where security forces crushed a Shiiteled pro-democracy uprising.

The intervention sparked a ar of words between various Gulf Arab states and their neighbor Iran, a long-time foe of the United States.

According to the State Department, the UAE is the single largest US export market in the Middle East and hosts more American naval ships than any port outside the United States.



# Kathalin Carvelho of Compliance Solutions Consultants discusses money laundering



Global governing bodies have been established to control and combat money laundering, particularly for the purpose of financing terrorist organizations. An expert in due diligence and compliance with global recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force and its Caribbean counterpart, (CFATF) Kathalin Carvelho, was vacationing on Aruba over Easter and happy to discuss the situation. Her field of expertise is training individual businesses and banking executives and employees to be more conscientious in controlling the re-circulation of "dirty" money, obtained through a variety of means, usually associated with illigal substances or arms smuggling.

AML/CTF (Anti Money Laundering/Combating Terrorism Financing) accords have been agreed to by a large number of nations, including Aruba, on legislative levels, with the required laws criminalizing money laundering being passed. This will force financial institutions operating in the country to be more diligent in investigating and reporting the sources of large deposits and sharing information. However, many of those conducting business are not equipped to detect subtle means of money laundering, and there are still several countries that are not enforcing the laws they have put in place. Ms. Carvelho's company, Compliance Solutions Consultants, co-founded with Michelle Martin of Antigua, conducts workshops to train companies and individuals in investigative techniques and performing due diligence regarding suspicious funds. Institutions which are assisting in money laundering, even unknowingly, may be libel under local and international laws, particularly if funds are being

channeled towards terrorist groups.

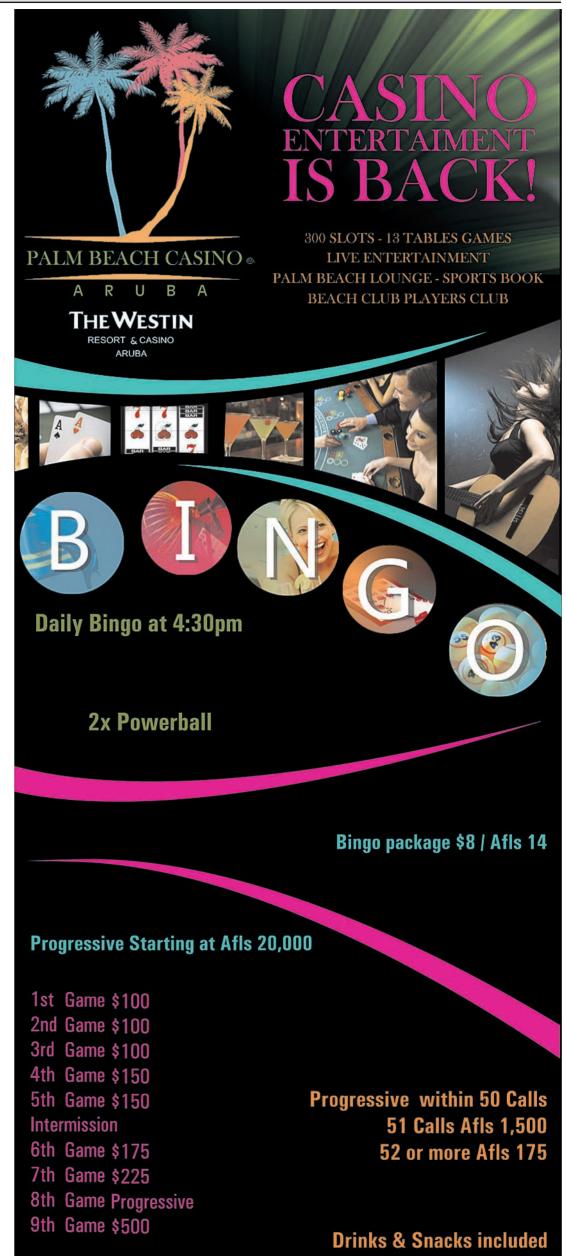
Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and CFATF are intergovernmental bodies whose purpose is the development and promotion of policies, both at national and international levels, to combat money laundering and terrorist financing. The Task Force is therefore a "policy-making body" which works to generate the necessary political will to bring about national legislative and regulatory reforms in these areas.

Kathalin has over 10 years of experience working in the areas of BSA/AML, OFAC, regulatory compliance and criminal investigations with governmental and non-governmental domestic and international financial institutions. She is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS) fluent in both English and Spanish. Her partner, Michelle Martin, has over seventeen years of experience in banking, insurance, regulatory compliance, public and private accounting. She is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS) and founding co-chair of the ACAMS South Florida Chapter.

Kathalin, who grew up in Venezuela, confesses affection for Aruba as a destination, but has not visited the island for ten years. Now living in Miami, she professed amazement at the level of development since her last visit, and her concern for the opportunities it presents for money laundering on many levels.

Compliance Solutions Consultants will be conducting three days of "Industry-Specific Workshops" July 5 to 8 at the ABI Financial Center in St. John's Antigua.

continues on page 5



## Luxury Living at an Island Paradise









www.diviarubaresidences.com Call 735 5252 or 735 5300

## Continue from page 4 Kathalin Carvelho of Compliance Solutions Consultants

The focus will be training techniques in recognizing possible money laundering ploys as it is applied in a diversity of industries; not only in banking, but buying out failing businesses, commerce in real estate and car dealerships, moving money through casinos, and a number of inventive ways not imagined by the ordinary citizen.

Kathalin also hopes to possibly see such a workshop conducted on Aruba, and is

consulting with various governmental offices and NGO's towards that goal. Some interesting websites to visit for more information on global money laundering are the FTAF site: http://www.fatf-\gafi.org, which also lists a number of nations in non-compliance with AML/CTF regulations, and

http://compliancesolutionsconsultants.com for details on the July workshops.

by Rosalie Klein

#### **Dates announced for 2012 Oscars**



LOS ANGELES (AFP) – Next year's Oscars show will take place on Sunday, February 26, the organizers of the movie industry's biggest awards fest said yesterday.

Nominees for the famous golden statuettes -- Holly-wood's most coveted prizes, handed out at the climax of the annual awards season -- will be announced on January 24, said the Academy of Motion

Picture Arts and Sciences.

Nominations ballots for the Academy Awards -- presented at Tinsel Town's Kodak Theatre, and preceded by a 90-minute red carpet parade -- will be mailed out on December 27, and must be returned by January 13.

Oscars winners are chosen by nearly 6,000 voting members of the Academy, who will cast their ballots for 2011 movies which fulfill strict criteria concerning their US release.

After the nominations are

announced -- five nominees in the major categories, 10 for best picture as introduced in 2010 -- final ballots will be mailed on February 1.

The traditional Nominees Luncheon will be held on February 6, and polls will close on February 21, five days before the show itself.

This year's Academy Awards were dominated by British historical movie "The King's Speech," which was crowned with prizes for best picture and best director for Tom Hooper.



\$15 Off

PER COUPLE
DIRECT RESERVATIONS ONLY



#### MI DUSHI

Taste of Aruba Sail \$15 OFF p/c Sundown Safari Sail \$10 OFF p/c Sunset Sail \$10 OFF p/c

#### **ΚUKOO KUNUKU**

Dinner & Bar Hopping \$15 OFF p/c Pub Crawl \$10 OFF p/c



586-2010

www. arubaadventures.com

### Check out our daily lunch specials only AFL12.50/\$7 no service charge





phone 5889983 www.sevenwestaruba.com weststraat #7 oranjestad aruba



#### Sci-Tech

## Plastic, heal thyself: scientists invent smart polymers

PARIS (AFP) - Scientists on Thursday unveiled a new kind of plastic that can repair itself when exposed to ordinary light.

The miracle material could extend the lifetime and improve the durability of dozens of polymer-based products, ranging from common household items such a bags and storage bins to inner tyres and expensive medical equipment, the researchers said.

A polymer is a large molecule, or macromolecule, made up of identical structural units linked through chemical bonds forged when atoms share electrons.

Tough, rubbery plastics are today found in thousands of consumer goods, but the materials used are highly vulnerable to damage caused by scratches, cuts and punctures.

Landfills are full of plastic objects discarded because they broke, cracked or leaked, sometimes causing safety hazards.

Most approaches to healable polymer-based materials require heating damaged areas and applying patches.

Scientists led by Christoph Weder of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio took another tack, creating a self-healing rubbery material containing metal that absorbs ultraviolet light and converts it into localized heat.

"What we have developed is essentially a new plastic material composed of very small chains that stick together and assemble into much larger chains," said coauthor Stuart Rowan, also of Case Western.

"But what we have designed into the molecule is the ability to disassemble on exposure to light. When it disassembles the material flows into the crag and the system gets healed."

The study, published in Nature, shows that using light in this way has advantages over direct heating, such as pinpoint targeting of the damaged area, and repairing objects that are still carrying a stress load.

Smart materials with an in-built ability to repair damage caused by normal wear-and-tear could prove useful in transportation, construction, packaging and many other applications, the researchers said.

"Healable polymers offer an alternative to the damage-and-discard cycle, and represent a first step in the development of polymeric materials that have much greater lifespans than currently available," Nancy Sottos and Jeffrey Moore, researchers at the University of Illinois, said in a companion commentary.

But several hurdles remain before the proof-of-concept study can be translated into industrial-scale production, they said.

Many polymers are plastics, but other natural and synthetic materials also fall into the same category.

Synthetic polymers include artificial rubber, neoprene, nylon, PVC, polystyrene, polyethylene and silicone.

### Sony challenges iPad in tablet war



TOKYO (AFP) – Japanese electronics and entertainment giant Sony on Tuesday unveiled its first tablet computers, codenamed S1 and S2, in a direct but belated challenge to Apple's iPad.

The larger "Sony Tablet" S1 has a single screen while the pocketable S2 has twin screens, company officials told a news conference, with both devices using Google's Android operating system and equipped with Wi-Fi for Internet access.

Competitors have rushed to cash in on soaring demand for tablets since the iPad was released in April last year, but Sony's devices are not due to go on sale globally until the northern hemisphere autumn, well behind its rivals.

Research in Motion is the latest to join the fray, with the release last week of its Blackberry PlayBook.

Sony said earlier this year it planned to be the number-two tablet maker by 2012 but until now had given little indication of how it intended to compete in a market already dominated by the iPad.

Samsung's Galaxy Tab is the best-selling rival to the Apple gadget but technology research company Gartner says iPad will keep its crown for the next few years despite competition in an expanding market that has eaten into PC sales.

The iPad accounted for 83.9 percent of the total 17.6 million tablets sold in 2010, according to Gartner, which pre-

dicts worldwide tablet sales will soar to 294.3 million in 2015.

Unveiling its first tablets, Sony said they would have access to online content to buy and download videos, music, digital books and other entertainment and be compatible with existing PlayStation games.

"Developers generally tend to add lots of features, but we mostly thought about what the user really wants and needs," Sony official Kunimasa Suzuki said.

The S1 looks like a direct competitor to the iPad, with a 9.4 inch (24 centimetre) screen, and front and rear cameras while the clamshell S2 recalls Nintendo's DS portable console but with dual 5.5 inch colour touch-

screens.

"This design is particularly relevant for reading digital books whose content is displayed on screen as two pages side-by side," Suzuki said.

Both screens can be used together as a single large screen or for playing games on one and displaying control buttons on the other.

The S1 can also work as a universal remote to control audio-visual equipment or send content to television screens or music to wireless speakers, Sony said.

The two devices use Google's Android 3.0 operating system, known as Honeycomb, which is optimised for devices with larger screen sizes.

"I'm excited about 'Sony Tablet' as it will further spur the development of applications and network offerings, which users are looking for," said Andy Rubin, senior vice president of Google's mobile division.

The announcement comes as Sony looks to focus more on pushing its content such as games and music through hardware platforms including game consoles, smartphones and tablet computers.

The company did not give any indication of pricing.

Sony also announced a new line of "hybrid" notebook computers that feature a slide screen covering a keyboard.



#### come, stay with us!

A well situated, quiet apartment complex consisting of 12 luxury apartments.
Please check us out at www.delreyaruba.com



#### **Health & Living**

#### Pregnant and Stressed!

#### May Mean Offspring Who Misbehave

-- Women who experience repeated stressful events while pregnant are more likely to have children with behavioral problems, a new study suggests.

Dr. Monique Robinson, a psychologist at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research in Perth, Australia and the study's lead author said that previous research had shown a link between stress during pregnancy and behavior problems in children but that the new study took that further by examining the timing, amount and kinds of stressful events that lead to such problems. She and her colleagues analyzed data from nearly 3,000 pregnant women who reported stressful events at 18 and 34 weeks of pregnancy. Of those women, about 37 percent reported two or more stress events and nearly 8 percent reported six or more.

Money and relationship problems, job loss, issues with other children, a difficult pregnancy and a death in the family were among the stressful events cited by the women.

The behavior of the women's children was assessed at ages 2, 5, 8, 10 and 14 years.

"What we have found is that it is the overall number of stresses that is most related to child behavior outcomes," Robinson said.

The actual type of stress experienced was found to be less important than the number of stressful events Whether the stresses occurred early or late in pregnancy did not influence risk the study reported.



### Tai chi can be boost for heart patients; study



failure may be able to boost their quality of life by doing tai chi, the ancient Chinese exercise regimen, a US study suggested.

Two group sessions of one hour each per week were enough to show significant improvements in mood and confidence, said study.

The study compared 50 US

tal cni classes -- to 50 who took classroom study in heart education.

Physical responses were similar in both groups, but those who did tai chi showed "significant" improvements according to their answers in a questionnaire to assess their emotional state.

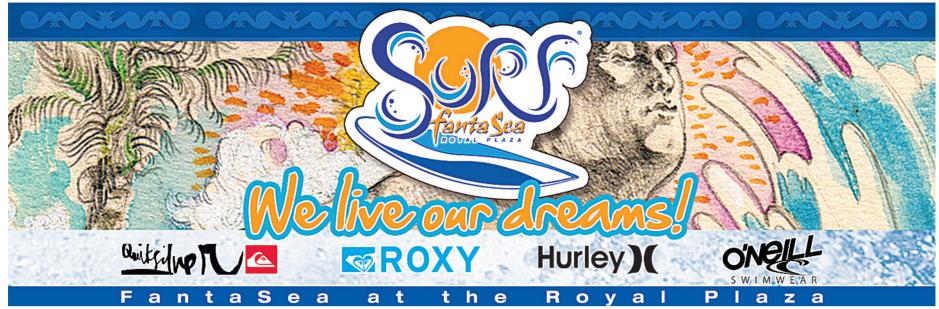
The tai chi group also re-

ficacy (confidence to perform certain exercise-related activities), with increased daily activity, and related feelings of well-being compared with the education group," said the

"Tai chi is safe and has a good rate of adherence and may provide value in improving daily exercise, quality of

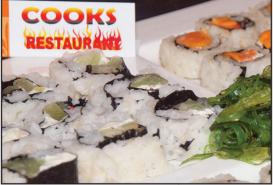
- People with chronic heart heart patients who enrolled in ported better "exercise self-ef- life, self-efficacy and mood in frail, deconditioned patients with systolic heart failure," said Gloria Yeh of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

> Previous studies have suggested tai chi, which involves slow, circular movements and balance-shifting exercises, may be helpful to people who suffer from high blood pressure, fibromyalgia and stress.



## The community welcomes the reopening of Cooks





Minister cuts the ribbon with owners and kids

All you can eat sushi night for \$25 on Thursday

Things were cookin' at Cooks, the popular island restaurant which celebrated a grand reopening on Monday evening, revealing a charmingly cozy dining spot with an elegant new menu offering mellow entertainment and ambiance.

Aruba's Minster Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, did the honors of cutting the ribbon to unveil the beautifully renovated interior, along with owner Ommi Henriquez and his wife Haydee, and their two children, Hayomi and Hayami. They proudly welcomed supportive fans of the Oranjestad eatery to sample some tasty bits and bites from the new menu, including smoked salmon, grilled steak, a very tasty chicken remoulade wrapped in bacon, and a major attraction: All you Can Eat Sushi Night every Thursday, for only \$25.

Cooks occupied the upper level of the building located at the corner of Adriaan Lacle Boulevard and the start of the Wilhelminastraat for a number of years, a very popular place with locals and "those in the know." When the lower level became vacant, Ommi and Haydee took it over to create the restaurant "of their dreams." A decidedly romantic place, it also features a lovely lounge with a Baby Grand piano and regularly scheduled musical talent will be a part of the nightly fare. Renowned pianist Victor Camacho and others entertained the gathering on opening night. The second floor has also been attractively redecorated and is available for private parties and special events.

Cooks' Executive Chef Evert de Pena has put together a diverse and impressive new menu with some very interesting and affordably priced dishes. They are certainly offering the best price for Rack of Lamb, whether seasoned with Rosemary or crusted with Chevre goat cheese for the more adventurous. The menu sports a number of local favorites, a varied assortment of fresh seafood, poultry and beef as well as some very elegant and tempting desserts such as Chevre Sorbet with Dark Chocolate Mousse and Passion Fruit Caviar, which sounds like a memorable way to top off a meal.

Evert de Pena and his team were the gold medal winners of the Aruba Chef/Student Culinary Competition and Festival in October of last year, judged by world famous Chef Michael Deihl, Executive Chef of the prestigious East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia, home of the Masters' Tournament. He announced Evert and his team as "outstandingly professional and creative," in a tough field of competitors.

Cooks' new menu reflects Evert's passion for his profession, and the restaurant is a reflection of Ommi's and Haydee's style and hospitality. Open five days a week for dinner from 6:00 to 11:00 PM Tuesday through Saturday, it is worth the trip to Oranjestad to experience an authentic Aruban welcome. For reservations call 588-4596 or e-mail cooksrestaurant@live.com.

by Rosalie Klein

## It's an Honor to Honor you



Recently Mr. Gerald Goldsmith, Mrs. Kitty Scott and Mrs. Anna Martinese were honored as distinguished guest and goodwill ambassador after returning to Aruba for 10 and 20 consecutive years. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation. The recent honoring took place at the Divi Village and was presented by Ms. Marouska Heyliger of the Aruba Tourism Authority Rep. in company of Divi Village rep Gloria Defoe.



At the Tropicana Resort vacationers were also presented with honorary titles; Madison Mc Sherry, Jack Leclerc, Jay & Renee Leclerc, Katelin Mc Sherry, Michelle Mc Sherry and Mark Roussel were honored as a distinguished visitor after visiting Aruba for 11 years and Danielle Verreault as a Goodwill Ambassador.

ATA rep Marouska Heyliger and the GM Brian Stedeford from the Tropicana Resort poses with family Mc Sherry, Leclerc. Roussel and Verreault.



## **Recent Customer Satisfaction Survey at AAA indicates**

## Positive Customer Perception of airport services

ORANJESTAD - As operator and manager of Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) believes it is of utmost importance to periodically measure the level of satisfaction amongst its customers. For 3 years now, AAA has been performing Customer Satisfaction Surveys amongst arriving and departing passengers.

This Customer Satisfaction Survey is performed in order to determine the perception that passengers have of the current facilities and subsequently the current satisfaction level of passengers with the terminal facilities. The results are used to review processes, initiate improvement projects and to determine, to a certain extent, the actual use by passengers of shopping and F&B facilities at the airport.

The latest Customer Satisfaction Survey was performed in December 2010 and AAA is very pleased with the results.

Passengers were requested by the surveyors to participate in the survey by means of completing a written questionnaire. During a time span of 4 days 300 passengers were requested to complete the questionnaire. The survey was conducted during the busiest days and times, in order to have a better view on how the airport performed during peak capacity.

Each process as rated by the respondents is analyzed and the most important processes such as Check-in, Immigration& Security and Airport Terminal Facilities received very positive ratings.

The overall satisfaction level with the airport processes can be shown in the following overview:

|                    | PROCESS |      |                           |                     |                      |      |                 |                     |                                 |                                 |
|--------------------|---------|------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Response Item      | Access  |      | Immigration<br>& Security | Finding<br>your way | Terminal<br>facility |      | F&B<br>facility | Arrival<br>Facility | Grand<br>Average<br>Dec<br>2010 | Grand<br>Average<br>Jan<br>2010 |
| Did not notice/use | 54%     | 2%   | 1%                        | 5%                  | 40%                  | 23%  | 25%             | 12%                 | 20%                             | 23%                             |
| Excellent          | 23%     | 51%  | 52%                       | 48%                 | 30%                  | 26%  | 19%             | 38%                 | 36%                             | <b>25</b> %                     |
| Very Good          | 15%     | 29%  | 31%                       | 30%                 | 19%                  | 27%  | 25%             | 33%                 | 26%                             | <b>27</b> %                     |
| Good               | 5%      | 14%  | 12%                       | 14%                 | 9%                   | 16%  | 19%             | 14%                 | 13%                             | 19%                             |
| Fair               | 1%      | 4%   | 3%                        | 3%                  | 1%                   | 7%   | 10%             | 3%                  | 4%                              | 4%                              |
| Poor               | 1%      | 1%   | 0%                        | 1%                  | 0%                   | 2%   | 2%              | 1%                  | 1%                              | 2%                              |
| TOTAL              | 100%    | 100% | 100%                      | 100%                | 100%                 | 100% | 100%            | 100%                |                                 |                                 |

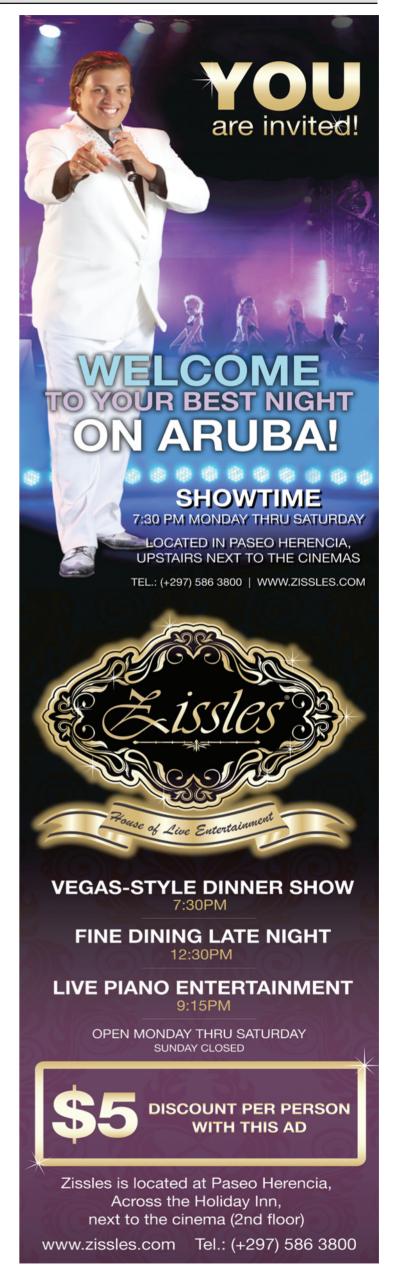
Above graph shows that most respondents experience the Check-in process and the Immigration & Security process as excellent.

Most respondents were very positive about the Airport Terminal facilities, including the shop and food & beverage ranking them as excellent and very good.

Passengers could also indicate what the most important process/item was for them at the airport. When looking at these 10 most important items it can be seen that the highest rating received for this at Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix proves to be at a very satisfactory level:

|         | Most important services for the      |                                       |
|---------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ranking | respondent                           | Aruba Airport's level of satisfaction |
| 1       | Feeling of being safe and secure     | Excellent                             |
| 2       | Choice of F&B facilities             | Very Good                             |
| 3       | Check-in facilities                  | Excellent                             |
| 4       | Value for money for F&B facilities   | Good                                  |
| 5       | Ease of finding way through airport  | Excellent                             |
| 6       | Passport and visa inspection         | Excellent                             |
|         | Assortment/products available at F&B |                                       |
| 7       | facilities                           | Very Good                             |
| 8       | Comfort of waiting seating areas     | Excellent                             |
|         | Courtesy, helpfulness of shopping    |                                       |
| 9       | facilities staff                     | Excellent                             |

When comparing the grand averages of all the processes together with the survey results of January 2010 it can be concluded that the overall satisfaction level amongst the respondents in relation to the airport facilities and processes varies between a "very good" to "excellent" level. Mrs. Barbara Brown, Business Unit Manager Terminal, responsible for the performance of this annual survey and the terminal facilities, is highly satisfied with these good results. "This shows that at the Aruba Airport Authority N.V. we are doing things right and those passengers utilizing our airport facilities are very satisfied. It is our goal to maintain this level of service and to improve our processes even further there where needed."



Courtesy of

### Frisian Flag®

#### Frisian Flag®

#### Frisian Flag®





























#### **CALVIN and HOBBES**









#### CROSSWORD

#### website: ww.themorningnewsaruba.coi

FREE Coverage on our

#### ACROSS

- \_ Moines 4. Explodes
- 8. Atkins or
- Huntley 12. Singer "King"
- Cole 13. Name's first
- letter (abbr.) 14. Kudrow of
- "Friends" Z (2 15. From
- wds.) 16. "Thin Man"
- dog
- 17. "Simpsons" bus driver
- doctor 20. Letters on a Yuppie car

15

- 22. Innkeeper 25. Gold bar 29. Likewise
- 32. Goldie of "Private Benjamin'
- 34. Altar response (2
- wds.) Marryin'
- Sam's creator "The 36.
- Greatest"
- boxer No ifs,
- buts 38. Holiday brink
- Senses of self Man's voice
- 41. Library science man 43. Actress
- Patricia 45. Singer Shannon

- 47. Ed of vaudeville
- 50. Rocker
- Hendrix 53. Chocolate sandwich
- cookie 56. Grown acorn
- Nursing 58. course (abbr.)
- 59. He cured
- polio French article
- 61. Cold desserts
- 62. Small child
- 63. Aye's opposite

#### DOWN

- 1. Heredity
- initials
- Takes
- refreshment
- Abolish
- Keyboard

- instrument
- 5. Switch
- settings 6. Cherry seed
- 7. Jerky thrust 8. Emmett Kelly, for one
- 9. Ciobber
- 10. Guess at a
- price (abbr.)
- 11. Truth, in
- China
- 19. Flapjack
- chain (abbr.)
- 21. Hr. part
- Thick rug
- 24. Large claw
- 26. Actress
- Gershon 27. Probability
- relative 28. Cast
- 29. Got an "A" on
- a test 30. Wash
- 31. Gush 33. Sensible Efficiently
- "Peeper 39. 42. Corrects copy
- 44. Stopped
- snoozing
- 46. Misplaced 48. "Thing" word 49. Grandma, to
- some 50. \_\_\_ alai
- 51. Co. abbr 52. "Bye Bye
- Birdie" mother
- 54. Author
- Bradbury 55. Moose's kin
- 57. Lockpicker's lack





April 23 - April 30

Noord: "Botica di Serv.Noord ; S.N. : "Botica San.Nicolaas"

#### **Center for Hemodialysis**

Posada Clinic Aruba Tel.580-2840/Pager 127-2446

#### **INFORMATION**

Telephone 118

Twelve Step Meetings 24 hours helpline 583-8989

#### Fellowship Clinic S.N.

Free treatment of Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Anonymity guaranteed Tel. 584-5440

#### **SOS TELEAYUDO SOS**

Telephone Helpline 583-1190 Mon.-Thu. 9 p.m.-12 midn. Fri.-Sun. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

#### **CAS MARIE**

Alzheimer's Day Care Center

**Important Telephone** Numbers

#### HOSPITAL

Horacio Oduber Hospital Tel.587-4300

#### **EMERGENCY**

Telephone 911

#### **POLICE HDQS**

C.V. TAS

Telephone 100 TAXI

587-1998, 587-5900 In Oranjestad:

Tel. 582-2116, 582-1604 582-5447

In San Nicolas Tel. 584-5160, 584-6602 professional taxi services

#### Tel. 588-0035 **Al Anon Meetings**

Mondays 6-7pm Sabana Liber 8 in Noord

#### Tel: 5696910 Tel: 5673356 / 5838989 Sudoku



|           | 8 | 4 | 2 | L | 9 | 6 | 3 | Þ | 9 |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $\geq$    | L | b | G | 3 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 1 |
| $\approx$ | 9 | 6 | 3 | G | Þ | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| Ĕ         | 9 | 9 | Þ | 8 | 7 | L | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| I         | 6 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 9 | b | 8 | L |
| 0         | 3 | L | 8 | 2 | 6 | Þ | 7 | 9 | 9 |
| S         | 2 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 9 | L | 3 | Þ |
|           | 1 | 3 | 9 | b | L | 8 | 9 | 2 | 6 |
|           | b | 9 | L | 6 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 8 |

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9

A number is Never repeated in a row or column.

In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



Pon't leave the island without trying the best native BBQ!

Eat the best for less than \$10,000 at the end of the mainstreet in Oranjestad

COME AND TRY TODAYS SPECIAL:

RIBS-CHICKEN
STEAK-FISH
CHORIZO
Phone: 5824410



#### **Finance**

#### **BRIEFS:**

#### Facebook joins online discount deals race

*WASHINGTON* (AFP) – Facebook began offering a deals program on Tuesday similar to the online bargains made popular by Groupon, LivingSocial and other companies.

Deals on Facebook are initially only available in five US cities -- Atlanta, Austin, Dallas, San Diego, and San Francisco -- but the social network said it hopes to extend the feature to other cities in the future.

The move is the latest bid by the Palo Alto, California-based social network to expand its revenue stream beyond advertising and an attempt to carve out a niche in the rapidly growing online bargain space. Google is currently testing its own online coupon program, Google Offers, in Portland, Oregon.

While many of the offers on Groupon involve solo activities or purchases, Facebook, which has more than 500 million members, said its deals program will emphasize group activities.

#### Venezuela's minimum wage to rise 25%: Chavez

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela's firebrand leftist President Hugo Chavez plans to raise the minimum wage by 25 percent from \$285 per month under a two-part plan to begin May 1.

But even after the increase, the minimum wage will still remain below the country's high rate of inflation, the biggest in the region. From March 2010 to March 2011 alone, prices rose an average of 27.4 percent.

Starting next month, Venezuela's minimum wage will rise to \$328 per month before increasing further to \$360, according to an announcement this week.

Venezuela's has set strict controls over the exchange rate since 2003. A dollar is currently worth 4.3 bolivars, but the hard currency provided by the government is not satisfying the demand of this powerful oil power that imports most of the products it consumes. The country therefore has a parallel dollar market, which causes the prices of many products to rise.

## France to probe Euro Disney after injuries on kids' ride

MEAUX, (AFP) - French prosecutors said Tuesday they have launched a probe of Euro Disney after five people were hurt when a ride malfunctioned at the Disneyland attraction park near Paris. The five, passengers on the "Mine Train", were injured when a part manufactured of fibre glass and wood fell onto the train track, and crashed onto a wagon with 25 occupants.

One of the passengers, a 38-year-old man, was struck in the head and was admitted to hospital with serious injuries, said a source close to the investigation. Four other people suffered less serious injuries. The prosecution services of Meaux, east of Paris, said they will investigate charges of "involuntary injury" against Euro Disney. The "Mine Train" was closed on Tuesday.



## Oil prices mixed on eve of Fed policy decision

NEW YORK, Crude oil prices closed mixed Tuesday in cautious trade as investors awaited the outcome of a key US central bank meeting and Arab turmoil kept supply worries in focus.

New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for June, fell seven cents to close at \$112.21 a barrel.

The benchmark West Texas Intermediate contract had drifted in and out of positive territory throughout the waitand-see session.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for delivery in June rose 48 cents to settle at \$124.14 a barrel as trading resumed after a four-day Easter holiday weekend.

"Oil bounced from earlier losses on Tuesday on low trading volumes as some investors took advantage of the dip to buy, though gains were limited ahead of a closely watched US Federal Reserve policy meeting," said Robert Brusca at FAO Economics.

A weaker dollar helped to support demand as dollarpriced oil lured buyers using stronger currencies.

Traders were focused on Wednesday's conclusion of a two-day meeting of the central bank's Federal Open Market Committee.

The FOMC policymakers are widely expected to maintain ultra-low interest rates in a bid to support a weak economic recovery plagued by high unemployment.

Many experts predict the FOMC post-meeting statement will show no change in plans to end a \$600 billion bond purchasing program, known as quantitative easing, in June.

"Participants in all markets will be looking at the conclusion of tomorrow's Fed meeting to see if a directional cue can be divined," said Mike Fitzpatrick at Kilduff Report.

"Without the help of rising interest rates the dollar will stay pressured and as a consequence help buoy oil prices, which already have plenty of help from potential supply threats emanating from any of a half-dozen flash points," he said

All eyes also will be on Fed chairman Ben Bernanke's first post-FOMC press conference, the first for any Fed chairman.

"If the comments suggest that monetary policy will not be tightened, then commodities may experience higher prices," said analyst Brenda Sullivan at the Sucden Financial brokerage in London.

## Russia running out of easy oil: state study

MOSCOW (AFP) – An ominous Russian state study warned the government that it faced a light crude oil shortage that meant it could only sustain its world-topping production rates for another 15 years.

The annual ministry of natural resources survey painted a bleak Russian energy picture that also pointed to problems in future export rates of natural gas -- the domain of its largest and most important company Gazprom.

But most of the problems focused on oil and its deteriorating and diminishing quality in Russia's Soviet-era wells.

The detailed study said Russia was tapping its existing light crude reserves in western Siberia at alarming rates while failing to replace them with new finds in regions that sit further away from the industrial heartland.

The ministry concluded that oil quality was deteriorating steadily as a result and Russia could only sustain current annual production rates of 500 million tonnes for another 13 to 15 years.

"Russia has less than 30

percent of oil that 'flows' -- the remaining 70 percent is very heavy, viscous and hard-to-recover," said the survey while pointing to some western Siberian fields that stood more than two-thirds empty.

It added that most of the crude being produced now was of the light variety demanded on the world market -- meaning that more and more of what Russia had left over demanded extra amounts of processing.

Top government officials have spent years warning about too little money being invested in the development of untapped reserves in far-flung regions of eastern Siberia.

Oil companies have lobbied in favour of state policies that introduce tax breaks on firms that export from newly discovered locations and invest in geological survey work.

But the latest government findings show investment in new oil exploration declining by 40 percent and actual work going down nearly 50 percent.

The ministry also noted that the work being done in new locations was disappointing and discovering only small traces

#### YESTERDAY'S **FOR SALE Crossword Answer** ANYBBBS **BMW 520 i** STA ELIZA DIN **Year 2000** CANTEEN GREEK SSNSIMA **Automatic** SPREEDIAGRAM PEI For info call WINTERS GRIL 5643713 ABEREO ATIMEMINIMA or ROOST TALES COS 6607469

## Buy Your Own Vacation Home!

Vacation Rentals also available

- Fully furnished 2 & 3 bedroom Town Homes
- Two community swimming pool plazas
- Very attractive rates
- · Per room pricing less than major resorts



Tel: +297-586-2200 • Fax: +297-586-2201 rentals@goldcoastaruba.com www.goldcoastaruba.com



### Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the



action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will even-

tually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and minimarket.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service,

There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in

finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of inhouse services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

Visit their website: www. goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

# pm Nightly THE WESTIN **RESORT & CASINO ARUBA**

#### Superb New Illusions! **SEE COMEDY MAGIC**

#### Grand illusions & Magic, starring Adam Steinfeld 9 PM NIGHTLY, at the WESTIN RESORT, ARUBA

Magic Live!® theater-of-illusions comedy show starring Adam Steinfeld at the Westin-aruba, 9 PM nightly, is a fullevening of grand illusions, comedy & magic featuring original never before seen stage illusions. "better than excellent, it's outstanding," a lot of fun from start to finish, laugh out-loud funny, a thrill ride, intelligent, sophisticated, unconventional grand illusions, that will keep you asking how the heck did he do that!

#### TWO THUMBS UP!

GREAT!, FANTASTIC! I've seen your show, 3 times, and I could see you over and over again.

-Yolanda Cellucci, Boston, Mass

"it's the best magic show, we've ever seen...it's a must see!"

-Leopold family, New York

THE MUST-SEE SHOW - YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

#### AROUND THE WORLD AND BACK

Adam Steinfeld: 'MAGIC LIVE!', from Monte Carlo, Hong Kong, Orlando, Miami Beach, Biloxi, Boston, San Juan, New York, Aruba to Vegas, it's the coolest show in town, taking up where Houdini



#### IF YOU GO!

SHOWTIME: 9PM NIGHTLY STARRING: Adam Steinfeld

WHAT: Comedy Magic, Grand Illusion show. LOCATION: Westin Resort & Casino Aruba

**THEATER OPENS: 8:30PM BOX OFFICE OPENS: 8:00PM** 

COST: \$20 (under 15), \$40 adult / LOCALS: Afl. 40

TICKETS: at the door, Box office

Westin Lobby, up until **9**PM showtime or any DE PALM concierge desks

GROUP SALES: (297) 561-1090 MagicLive.com • MagicOnTheBeach.com

### Yes; Lady Gaga is godmother to Elton John's son



Singers Lady Gaga (L) and Elton John are pictured backstage during the 52nd Annual GRAMMY Awards held at Staples Center in 2010.

LOS ANGELES, (AFP) -British music superstar Elton John has revealed that he and his partner have chosen pop diva Lady Gaga to be their baby boy's godmother, as he landish singer was the god-

spoke of his joy at being a fa-

"Yes, yes she is," John told ABC's Babara Walters when she asked him if the out-

mother of his son, Zachary Jackson Levon Furnish-John, in an interview.

"When you get to the real person underneath, there's a very simple New York girl who loves her parents. I love her to death and a lot of people said, 'oh, you know, that's crazy,' but they don't know her and we do."

Zachary was born December 25 to a surrogate for John, 64, and his partner 48-yearold Canadian filmmaker David Furnish, and the couple told ABC of their delight in having a son, and their determination not to spoil him.

"I knew I'd feel joy but it was the most relaxing thing that's ever happened to me,' John said.

"We change him, we bath him, we feed him and we read him a story every night," said John of the couple's routine.

"And we take him to lunch."

But the millionaire singer said he was determined his four-month-old would learn about values, even though he was being brought up in the lap of luxury.

"The worst thing you can do to a child, and I've seen it happen so many times, is the silver spoon," John said.
"Being the child of a famous person is very difficult and we're very well aware of the pitfalls of that."

Furnish, who married John in 2005 after 12 years together, agreed. "Our life might be very luxurious, but it's all come from hard work," he said

"Both Elton and I have sort of earned everything we've done in our careers and furthered our educations through our own drive and our own ambitions and we want Zachary to be exactly the same sort of way.'

Elton John has sold more than 250 million records in a career spanning four decades and the singer-songwriter was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994.

It was confirmed that John and Furnish will attend the wedding next Friday of Prince William and Kate Middleton in Westminster Abbey.

John sang the hit "Candle in the Wind" at the funeral of William's mother Princess Diana in the abbev after her death in a car crash in Paris.





73 Fully furnished apts. Kitchen / Airco / Cable TV Free Internet / Library / Swimming Pool / Laundry / Fitness Room Less than 1 mile from Eagle Beach! Feel free to contact or visit us. Mon - Fri: 8am-7pm. Sat&Sun: 9am-5pm

E-mail: quality@setarnet.aw - Website: www.arubaqualityapartments.com





Allow us to tantalize your taste buds with our unique cuisine.
We are confident that we have something to appease everyone's palate.

African Art Shop, chock-full of authentic goods from Zimbabwe.

## Wounded Barcelona braced for latest Real duel



(L-R back row)) Seydou Keita, Javier Mascherano, Sergio Busquets, Gerard Pique and Victor Valdes (L-R front row) Lionel Messi, Dani Alves, Adriano, David Villa, Andres Iniesta and Xavi Hernandez of FC Barcelona pose for a team picture.

MADRID, Spain (AFP) - With the Kings Cup final loss fresh in their minds, Barcelona are out for revenge when they face bitter rivals Real Madrid in today's eagerly-anticipated Champions League semi-first leg at the Santiago Bernabeu.

It is the third meeting between the two Spanish powerhouses in just 12 days and Barcelona hope to continue their impressive recent record at the Bernabeu as they look to bounce back from the 1-0 Kings Cup extra-time final defeat to Real five days ago.

It was Jose Mourinho's first trophy as Madrid manager and now the Portuguese coach has his eye on delivering a 10th European Cup to Madrid as he bids to become the first coach to win the Champions League with three different clubs.

Mourinho was humiliated 5-0 by Barcelona in the league back in November, but Real are now on the up with a 1-1 league home draw against Barca followed by the Cup win.

"We can take them on over two games; we have just done that," said Mourinho. "There is no reason we can't beat them in the Champions League because we have just drawn once against them and then beaten them."

History is on Madrid's side with Real getting the better of Barcelona in their two previous semi-final meetings in the 1960 European Cup and most recently the last four of the 2002 Champions League with Madrid going on to be crowned champions on both occasions.

Barcelona have reached the Champions League semi-finals for four successive seasons and coach Pep Guardiola will hope to fare better than last season when he was outfoxed by Mourinho's Inter Milan side at this stage.

Barcelona defeated Osasuna 2-0 on Saturday to maintain their eight-point gap over Real and stay on course for their third consecutive La Liga title.

But Guardiola admitted his side were feeling the effects of a long season.

"We won't be going to Madrid in the best physical shape, but we'll go there with a lot of enthusiasm and we have a lot of belief in ourselves," said Guardiola.

"We accept that Madrid may be favourites, but we will go to the Bernabeu to attack, score goals and try to win the game."

Lionel Messi notched his 50th goal of the season in the Osasuna win and has scored on each of his last three visits to the Bernabeu with Barcelona boasting two wins and a draw from their last three trips to the capital.

The form of Messi and David Villa's goal at the week-

end, ending an 11-game drought in all competitions, is a boon for Barca but an injury to Brazilian Adriano is their latest defensive concern.

Full back Adriano could miss the rest of the season with a thigh injury so Guardiola is stretched at the back with captain Carles Puyol struggling with muscular problems and Frenchman Eric Abidal recovering from surgery on a liver tumour.

Real are having more luck with Argentine forward Gonzalo Higuain and Brazilian playmaker Kaka back to their best after long lay-offs.

Higuain scored a hat-trick and Kaka grabbed a brace in Real's 6-3 win at Valencia on Saturday to throw their hats into the ring for a starting place against Barca.

"He (Kaka) had a fantastic game in a position I like a lot," said Mourinho. "It is fantastic for his confidence."

Mourinho rested key players such as Pepe, Marcelo, Xabi Alonso and Cristiano Ronaldo, who scored the winner in the Cup final, but will be handicapped by the absence of experienced centre-back Ricardo Carvalho through suspension.

German midfielder Sami Khedira is also out with a muscular injury so Frenchman Lass Diarra is set to deputise.

## India removes scandal-hit Kalmadi as Olympic head



NEW DELHI (AFP) – The Indian Olympic Association removed the organiser of the scandal-hit Delhi Commonwealth Games as its president on Tuesday, hours after a court ordered him held in custody on graft charges.

Suresh Kalmadi, known for his powerful political and sporting connections, is in police custody over his role in awarding a \$31 million contract for timekeeping equipment for the Commonwealth Games to a Swiss firm.

The Indian Olympic Association's senior vice-president Vijay Kumar Malhotra was named acting president in place of Kalmadi, who headed the organisation for 15 years.

15 years.

"The senior vice president automatically takes over the duties when the president is not there," Malhotra told AFP. "In the event of a prolonged absence... the senior vice president eventually assumes charge."

India is considering bidding to host the 2020 Summer Olympics.

The move to replace Kalmadi came after a judge said the ruling Congress party lawmaker should be held in police custody for eight days for questioning.

Kalmadi, arrested on Monday by the federal Central Bureau of Investigation, is accused of "wrongfully restricting and eliminating competition" from other would-be Games suppliers of timekeeping equipment.

Police allege the timekeeping contract was inflated by some \$21 million.

The Games were meant to showcase India's status as an emerging global power, but the sporting headlines were stolen by venue delays, shoddy construction and budget overruns in which the event's cost tripled to at least \$6 billion.

As Kalmadi, a target of popular scorn as the face of the Games organisational fiasco, which embarrassed India on the world stage, entered the court a protester hurled a slipper at him.

Kalmadi, 66, appeared unconcerned by the attack as police detained the man, identified by local media as a lawyer upset about India's rampant corruption.

India's anti-corruption watchdog, the Central Vigilance Commission, received complaints alleging up to \$1.8 billion of Games money was misused.



## Taj Mahal

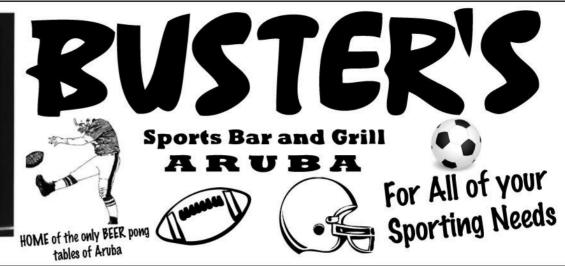
Taste of India

Authentic Indian Restaurant on the Island

Open Mon - Sat Lunch : 12:00 - 3:00pm Dinner : 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Havenstraat 36, Behind Royal Plaza Mall, Oranjestad, Tel : 5884494

### Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4pm- 8pm \$3 selected Beer \$4 mixes house drinks Full kitchen open late.



Open Monday - Friday 3:00 p.m./Saturday@12 - Sunday 10:30 a.m.

### Grizzlies crush Spurs to take 3-1 NBA lead

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AFP) – The eighth seeded Memphis Grizzlies have seized a commanding 3-1 series lead in the opening round of the NBA playoffs by dominating the San Antonio Spurs 104-86.

24 HD Plasma TV's

Mike Conley finished with 15 points and seven assists for the Grizzlies who can make franchise history today in San Antonio as they need one more win to post their first playoff series win.

**MLB Standings** 

| American League |    |             |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|----|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| East            | W  | L Pct GB    |  |  |  |  |
| NY YANKEES      | 12 | 7 .632      |  |  |  |  |
| TAMPA           | 11 | 11 .500 2.5 |  |  |  |  |
| BOSTON          | 10 | 11 .476 3.0 |  |  |  |  |
| TORONTO         | 10 | 12 .455 3.5 |  |  |  |  |
| BALTIMORE       | 8  | 12 .400 4.5 |  |  |  |  |
| Central         |    |             |  |  |  |  |
| CLEVELAND       | 13 | 8 .619      |  |  |  |  |
| KANSAS CITY     | 12 | 10 .545 1.5 |  |  |  |  |
| DETROIT         | 12 | 10 .545 1.5 |  |  |  |  |
| MINNESOTA       | 9  | 12 .429 4.0 |  |  |  |  |
| CHICAGO         | 9  | 14 .391 5.0 |  |  |  |  |
| West            |    |             |  |  |  |  |
| TEXAS           | 14 | 8 .636      |  |  |  |  |
| LA ANGELES      | 13 | 10.565 1.5  |  |  |  |  |
| OAKLAND         | 11 | 12.478 3.5  |  |  |  |  |
| SEATTLE         | 8  | 15 .348 6.5 |  |  |  |  |
| I               |    |             |  |  |  |  |

| National L    | .ea | gue         |
|---------------|-----|-------------|
| East          | _   |             |
| PHILADELPHIA  | 15  | 7 .682      |
| FLORIDA       | 14  | 7 .667 0.5  |
| WASHINGTON    | 10  | 11 .476 4.5 |
| ATLANTA       | 11  | 13 .458 5.0 |
| NY METS       | 9   | 13 .409 6.0 |
| Central       |     |             |
| ST. LOUIS     | 12  | 10 .545     |
| CINCINNATI    | 12  | 11 .522 0.5 |
| MILWAUKEE     | 11  | 11 .500 1.0 |
| PITTSBURG     | 10  | 12 .455 2.0 |
| CHICAGO       | 10  | 12 .455 2.0 |
| HOUSTON       | 8   | 14 .364 4.0 |
| West          |     |             |
| COLORADO      | 15  | 7 .682      |
| LA DODGERS    | 12  | 12 .500 4.0 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 10  | 11 .476 4.5 |
| ARIZONA       | 9   | 12 .429 5.5 |
| SAN DIEGO     | 9   | 14 .391 6.5 |
|               |     |             |

The Grizzlies are also one victory away from becoming just the second eighth-seeded team to knock off a number one seed since the NBA expanded to a best-of-seven series format.

Darrell Arthur added 14 points off the bench for Memphis in game four. Tony Allen finished with 12, Zach Randolph and OJ Mayo had 11 each.

Tony Parker had a gamehigh 23 points but also committed seven turnovers for the Spurs.

Manu Ginobili finished with 14 points while Tim Duncan was held to just a half dozen points and seven rebounds in the loss. Duncan was celebrating his 35th birthday.

The Spurs came out quickly as they drained eight of their first 10 shots to lead 26-21 heading into the second quarter. Parker scored eight of the first 10 points in the game.

It marked the first time in the series San Antonio had outscored the Grizzlies in the opening quarter but it was



San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan, left, and guard Tony Parker, right, of France, watch the final minutes of Game 4 against the Memphis Grizzlies

downhill from there.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 11 of his 25 points in the third quarter to lead the Dallas Mavericks to a 93-82 victory over Portland in game five of their playoff series Monday.

Tyson Chandler finished with 14 points and a playoff career high 20 rebounds for the Mavericks who averted another late game collapse. Jason Kidd added 14 assists.

In game four, Dallas led

by as much as 23 in the third quarter before unravelling in the final quarter for the loss.

Dallas can close out the series with a win at Portland in game six on Thursday where they have yet to win this season.

In the history of the NBA, the team that wins game five after a 2-2 tie in games goes on to win the series 83 percent of the time.

#### Sharks eliminate Kings from playoffs

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – Joe Thornton scored in overtime to lift the San Jose Sharks to a 4-3 win over Los Angeles, eliminating the Kings from the NHL playoffs on Monday.

Kyle Wellwood, Jason Demers and Dany Heatley also scored for the Sharks, who advanced to the second round with a 4-2 series win.

Justin Williams, Ryan Smyth and Trevor Lewis scored for the Kings, who lost in the opening round for the second consecutive year.

Los Angeles has won just one playoff series since Wayne Gretzky took them to the Stanley Cup finals in 1993.

Goaltender Antti Niemi made 26 saves for the Sharks and Jonathan Quick stopped 31 shots for the Kings.

#### James, Bryant and co. head for court in cash row

NEW YORK (AFP) – Le-Bron James, Kobe Bryant and the NBA's other players from all-stars to also-rans are reportedly already in position to follow their American football counterparts and decertify as a union.

Citing unnamed sources, CBS Sports reported on its website Tuesday that the National Basketball Players Association (NBPA) has collected enough signatures to fold and press a court case for a new collective bargaining agreement.

The NFL players union decertified and star players filed an anti-trust suit in March. NFL club owners responded by imposing a lock-out that was ordered to end

by a judge on Monday, although the NFL is appealing that decision.

The NBA's union agreement with players expires June 30, about two weeks after the conclusion of this year's NBA Finals. NBA club owners could lock out players after that date as NFL owners did their players.

With the next NBA season to start around November 1, US basketball stars could find themselves using legal tactics similar to the gridiron stars, especially since the ruling against the lockout and an earlier one against the NFL over taking money now from TV networks for future telecasts shows the courts might offer them an edge in talks.

"What it does is put pressure on us to sit down and settle this," NBPA executive director Billy Hunter told Sports Illustrated. "We just want a fair deal."

NBA commissioner David Stern said two weeks ago that he intends to give the NBPA a revised proposal soon with hopes of avoiding taking the NBA labor fight to court.

NBA owners want a similar style of salary cap to the NFL with fewer exceptions as well as shorter guaranteed contracts. NBA players want to keep the current soft cap and luxury tax system similar to Major League Baseball.







Fully furnished **studio apartments**, walking distance to Eagle Beach, per day, week or month, excellent alternative for your next vacation in Aruba.

Bubali #143, Noord, Aruba Phones: (297) 587-7482 / 587-6474 Fax: (297) 587-8448

www.sasaki-apartments.com E-mail: sasakiapartments@hotmail.com



## Octopus predicts Real will reach Champions final

BENALMADENA, Spain (AFP) – An octopus named Iker, which correctly predicted the result of the last two "classicos" between Real Madrid and Barcelona, has foreseen Real will reach the final of the Champions League.

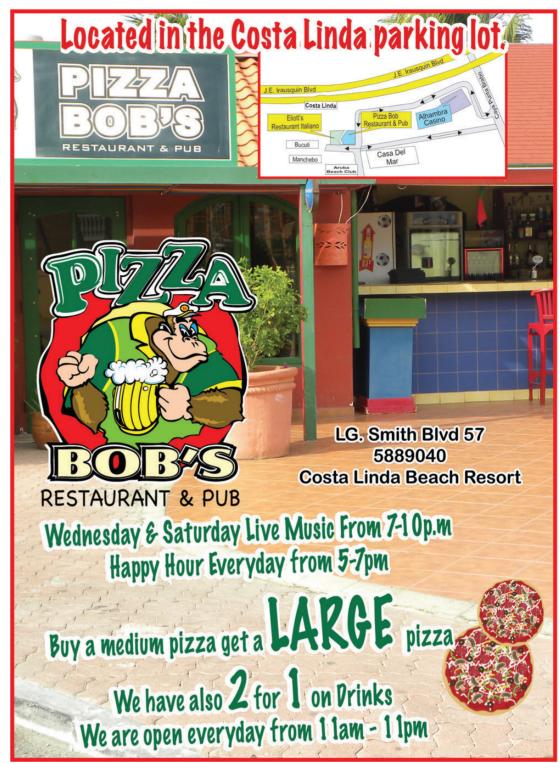
Iker predicted Real would reach the final at London's Wembley arena on May 28 by choosing to eat a sardine from a glass cylinder decorated with the club's badge instead of one from a cylinder with Barcelona's badge on Tuesday at the Sea Life Aquarium in the southern city of Benalmadena.

The 16-kilo (35-pound)

octupus, named after Real keeper Iker Casillas, has already predicted Real's 1-1 draw against Barcelona in La Liga on April 16 and the club's 1-0 win over the Catalan club in the King's Cup final four days later.

The two sides will face each other in the first leg of the Champions League semifinal at Real's Bernabeu stadium on Wednesday. The second leg will take place at Barcelona's Camp Nou stadium on May 3.

Whichever Spanish team makes it to the final will face either Manchester United or Schalke 04.



#### Players told no workouts despite lockout's end

MINNEAPOLIS (AFP) - NFL players returned to their team facilities on Tuesday after a court order ended a lockout imposed by club owners, but found they were unable to work out or exercise.

One day after US District Judge Susan Richard Nelson ordered the 45-day lockout im-

posed by owners to be stopped, players reported to find they would not be allowed to do anything more that collect mail and visit lockers.

"We do not believe it is appropriate for football activities to take place until there are further rulings from the court," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said in a statement.

Awkward scenes played out in part because many NFL players have workout bonus clauses written into their NFL contracts and not showing up, even to be turned away without being able to exercise, might cost them money.







15 and 90-92 L.G. Smith Blvd. • Oranjestad, Aruba Tel: 011-297-588-9812

